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## Certification Officers

**Russell Leu** and **Janet Stetzer** of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Laboratory Services Bureau have been awarded certification by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to inspect and certify private laboratories that analyze Montana's public water. Janet and Russell will also administer Montana's reciprocity program that evaluates and issues Montana certification to out-of-state laboratories that analyze Montana public water and are certified by the EPA or other primacy state programs. Following a rigorous week-long course of instruction in federal regulations, analytical methods and theory, quality assurance, and inspection practices, Russell and Janet successfully completed written examinations and simulated inspections, leading to their approval as Certification Officers.



**Russell Leu**

**Janet Stetzer**

Montana has been granted primacy by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to administer the provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act within the state, ensuring that laboratories that analyze Montana's public drinking water supplies for regulated chemical and microbiological contaminants meet strict quality requirements. Certification by the DPHHS Laboratory Certification Program authorizes laboratories to analyze public water supplies in Montana and to submit, to regulatory authorities, data that can be used to determine compliance with state and federal regulations.

## Insecticide Aldicarb to be banned

by Marla Cone, from Environmental Health News

Twenty-five years after the worst known outbreak of pesticide poisoning in U.S. history, an agreement is announced that phases out all uses of **aldicarb**.

*"Aldicarb no longer meets our rigorous food safety standards and may pose unacceptable dietary risks, especially to infants and young children," the EPA said.*

To read the entire article: <http://www.environmentalhealthnews.org/ehs/news/aldicarb-phaseout>

## Events Calendar

### 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Water School

**October 4-8, 2010**

Attending the Water School at MSU in Bozeman may be used to satisfy continuing education credit (CEC) renewal requirements for water and wastewater operator certifications, sanitarians, engineers and well drillers.

For More Information: <http://www.msun.edu/grants/metc/training.asp>